beginning of its operation to the end of 1987-88, there has been a cumulative cash loss of Rs. 52.69 lacs.

(b) and (c) The Finance Member, the Secretary, Delhi Development Authority and the General Manager, T.S.B.T., went into the functioning of the I.S.BT. and made a number of recommendations for the improvement of (i) transport operations, (ii) passenger amenities, (iii) economy in expenditure, (iv) streamlining of administration and management, and (v) increase in revenue. Some of the recommendations have already been implemented while some others are being processed.

Import Export of Pesticides

@1151. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the pesticides banned and declared dangerous in other countries continue to be imported/exported despite statutory requirements under Insecticides Act, 1968; and

(b) whether a total ban on imports/exports of such pesticides will be put to ensure that the country's reputation specially in the Third World countries does not suffer in any manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) All pesticides imported into or exported outside the country are registered under the Insecticides Act, 1968. Some of these pesticides are banned or subject to restrictions in other countries. The restrictions on use of pesticides are imposed by different countries having regard to sociological, agro-climatic, environmental conditions and the like. The exported pesticides are registered either for use in India or for export to only those countries where its use is permitted

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Sugar Cess collected from sugar Factories in Andhra Pradesh

1152. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Sugar Cess collected till 1988 by the Government from sugar factories in Andhra Pradesh under the Sugar Cess Act, 1982;

(b) the details of amount utilised back for the benefit of sugarcane growers and rehabilitation of sugar factories in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the number of sugar factories which have submitted the proposals for securing loan from Sugar Development Fund; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to pump in this fund in sugar factories so that production of sugar can be stepped up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) An amount of Rs. 39-57 crores was collected by the Government till December 1988 as Sugar Cess under the Sugar Cess Act, 1982 from the sugar factories in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) An amount of Rs. 22.81 crores was sanctioned from Sugar Development Fund for sugarcane development to 20 sugar factories and Rs. 0.40 crores sanctioned to one sugar factory for modernisation/rehabilitation in Andhra Pradesh till March, 1989.

(c) As on 31-3-1989, Thirty three sugar factories have submitted applications for securing loan from Sugar Development Fund from Andhra Pradesh.

(d) Loans from Sugar Development Fund are sanctioned on liberal terms to sugar factories for development of sugarcane with an objective to make adequate cane available to the sugar factories so that production of sugar increases and for modernisation/rehabilitation of financially weak and old sugar factories.

Release of Newsprint to Telugu Dailies

1153. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Telugu dailies, weeklies and monthlies to whom newsprint was released in the financial year 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89;

(b) the quantum of newsprint released to each of these Telugu dailies, weeklies and monthlies, year-wise;

(c) the number of applications pending from Telugu dailies, weeklies, fortnightlies and monthlies for the release of newsprint and since when;

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to expedite the release of newsprint for those pending applicants; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed *[See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 58]

(c) No application for release of newsprint for the years 1986-87 to 1988-89 is pending.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Recruitment of Transmission Executives in AH India Radio

1154. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an examination was held on the 28th August, 1988 by the Staff Selection Commission for recruitment of Transmission Executives in All India Radio;

(b) whether list of candidates qualified for interview was published; and

(c) if so, on what dates the interviews for the said posts were held and on what date the list of candidates finally selected was published?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The interviews were held from 19th December, 1988 to 19th January 1989 and the result was published on 22nd February, 1989.

Reports of the Commissioner of Linguistic Minorities

1155. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2583 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March 1989"and state:

(a) the number of the Commissioners appointed by Government so far for Linguistic Minorities and what was the tenure of each of them;